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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO
H I S M A J E S T Y,

On *Friday* the Twenty first Day of *January*, 1725.

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His Majesty's
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O*Rdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal
in Parliament Assembled, That the Address
of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His
Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be
forthwith Printed and Published.*

W^m Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'

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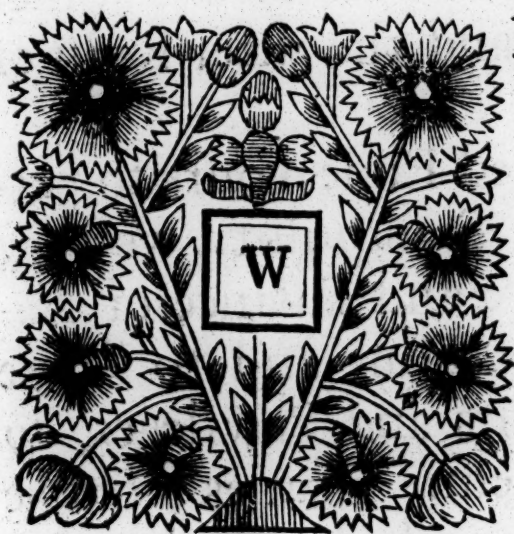
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Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

In PARLIAMENT Assembled.

Die Jovis 20 Januarii, 1725.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to return Your Majesty our most hearty Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and, with Hearts full of inexpressible Joy, to congratulate Your Majesty upon Your happy Return in Safety to Your Kingdom.

We cannot without the highest Satisfaction reflect upon Your Majesty's Concern for our distressed Protestant Brethren abroad ; our most zealous Endeavours shall never be wanting, that Your Majesty's pious Interposition for them may produce the most desired Effects.

We thankfully acknowledge Your Majesty's exceeding Goodness and Condescension, in acquainting us with the Defensive Alliance lately made by Your Majesty for preventing the ill Consequences, which might otherwise attend the Negotiations and Engagements entred into by other Potentates, to the apparent Prejudice of this Kingdom ; and for Your Majesty's Gracious Assurance, that it should be soon laid before us. Nothing can be more vain than for any Foreign Powers to entertain the Hopes of rendring themselves Formidable to *Britain* ; Your Majesty having strengthened Your Self by such powerful Alliances, the Resolution and Fidelity of Your Subjects being so well known, and the late

Marks of their Valour not yet worn out. We most humbly entreat Your Majesty to believe, that our Lives are not dearer to us, than Your Majesty's Honour; and that Your Majesty may at all Times with Certainty depend upon our strongest Efforts, to maintain and defend it against all Powers whatsoever, who can so far delude themselves, as to imagine that they may with Safety Insult or Menace the *British* Crown or Nation.

It is no Surprise to us, that the Enemies to Your Majesty's Person and Government are labouring to disturb the Peace of this Kingdom, if they can flatter themselves with the Prospect of any New Troubles or Commotions in *Europe*

We can easily believe, that at such a Juncture New Schemes and Solicitations are daily making, by the most profligate and abandoned of them, to revive the Expiring Cause of the Pretender; all which, we assure our selves, can have no other Effect, than to hasten his Destruction, and the utter Ruin of all his perjured Adherents.

Your Majesty's constant and unwearied Endeavours to perpetuate to us the Blessing of that Happy Tranquillity we now enjoy, and to maintain the general Peace and Balance of *Europe*, to preserve the Trade of this Nation, and to secure to Your People the many valuable Rights and Privileges, to which they are entitled by the most Solemn Treaties; oblige us to all imaginable Returns of Duty and Gratitude, and leave us no Room to doubt, when we consider the prudent Measures Your Majesty has taken for attaining those great Ends, but that all Your Majesty's Endeavours will, by the Blessing of God thereupon, notwithstanding any Attempts to the contrary, be crowned with Success.

HIS MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

MY LORDS,

I Heartily thank you for this very Affectionate and Loyal Address; the World may be convinc'd by it, how fixed and immoveable all your Purposes and Resolutions are to maintain my Honour, and promote the true Interest of your Country: You may be assured of my Constant Endeavours to support the Protestant Religion, to preserve the Peace and Balance of Power in Europe, to prevent any Encroachment on the Trade of My Subjects, and on all Occasions to encrease their Happiness.

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